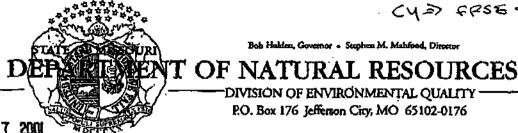
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Mr. Dan Vornberg Doe Run Resources Corporation Vice President of Environmental Affairs The Doe Run Company 1801 Park 270 Drive, Suite 300 St. Louis, MO 63146

Dear Mr. Vornberg:

As you are aware, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have directed Doe Run Company to take immediate action to reduce lead concentrations along haul roads near the plant. We will require the company to continue mitigation measures until we have verified that the actions taken by the company have successfully addressed any health risks to the residents of Herculaneum.

In addition, it has come to the department's attention that on several occasions, Doe Run has claimed that the department and the EPA have caused a delay in the yard remediation that Doe Run is required to complete under the existing Administrative Order on Consent. Specifically, Doe Run has publicly stated that regulatory agency sampling requirements have prevented the company from initiating cleanup of residential yards where children with elevated blood lead levels reside. These statements are misleading and grossly mischaracterize the department's position.

The department's position is that Doe Run should begin immediately to remediate the yards where children have elevated blood lead levels. We understand that there is a minimum of seven yards that currently meet this criterion and that this number may grow as additional blood lead sampling is conducted. Further, we will expect you to take immediate action to remediate additional yards in the haul road corridors as will be specified in a forthcoming order.

I urge you to take all appropriate actions to protect the health of Herculaneum citizens. Should you have questions about this letter, please contact me at (573) 751-0763.

Sincerely,

AIR and LAND PROTECTION DIVISION

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Mr. William Rice, EPA